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TITLE: CHEWING GUM BASE AND CHEWING GUM WITH ULTRA HIGH
MOLECULAR WEIGHT POLYVINYLACETATE

GROUP ART UNIT: 1761

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January 16, 2004

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

In response to item 1 of the Office Action

1. (original) A chewing gum base comprising:

a) ultra high molecular weight polyvinylacetate with molecular weight ranging between about 100,000 and about 600,000 daltons;

b) a plasticizer;

c) and a filler.

2. (original) The chewing gum base of claim 1 wherein said plasticizer is selected from the group consisting of triacetin, acetylated mono- and di- and triglycerides of short chain fatty acids, acetylated mono- and di- and triglycerides of medium chain fatty acids, acetylated monoglycerides of long chain fatty acids, methyl ester of rosin, low molecular weight PVAc and combinations thereof.